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DATE: 15 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: SOVIETS READY TO OBSERVE US TASK FORCE

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SOVIET NAVAL SHIPS ARE NOW IN POSITION TO OBSERVE US AND  
CENTO NAVAL SHIPS DURING EXERCISES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

THE US CARRIER TASK FORCE IS SPLITTING UP THIS WEEKEND---THE  
CONSTELLATION IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT BAHRAIN BEFORE TAKING PART  
IN THE CENTO EXERCISE. A SOVIET FLEET MINESWEEPER IS IN THE  
SOUTHERN PERSIAN GULF AND AN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SHIP IS  
IN THE GULF OF OMAN, BOTH OF THESE COULD CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF  
THE CARRIER.

THE THREE DESTROYERS IN THE US TASK FORCE WILL JOIN ALLIED  
UNITS FOR A PRELIMINARY EXERCISE 360 MILES SOUTHEAST OF  
SOCOTRA PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL CENTO EXERCISE. A SOVIET DESTROYER,  
OCEAN ESCORT AND POSSIBLY A DIESEL ATTACK SUBMARINE ARE NOW

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SOUTHEAST OF SOCOTRA.

IRANIAN, PAKISTANI, AND BRITISH SHIPS WILL PARTICIPATE WITH THE US TASK FORCE IN THE CENTO MIDLINK 74 EXERCISE IN THE NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA NOVEMBER 19 TO 30. THE US FORCE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXERCISE TO EXIT THROUGH THE STRAIT OF MALACCA ON DECEMBER 6. SOVIET NAVAL FORCES NOW MOVING DOWN FROM VLADIVOSTOK COULD NOT ARRIVE IN THE EXERCISE AREAS IN TIME TO OBSERVE THE JOINT OPERATIONS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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